

Campus Ministry Holds Taize Prayer Service

By Michael Garrity, Staff Writer

On Friday, November 2, also known as All Souls Day, the SJC Campus Ministry held a special Taize Prayer Service in the back of the Chapel at 9 p.m.

Taize is, according to Campus Minister Ary Nelson, "a meditative common prayer that is ecumenical. The music used is repetitive and uncluttered by too many words, which allows the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. Those in attendance may be seated on the chairs, sit on the floor, or use prayer benches."

The whole procession, which was approximately fifteen people, was seated in the back of the Chapel, with the whole room lit by candlelight. A group of five or six SJC students sat behind the assembly and provided the music for the night. When the nine o'clock bells rang, freshman and Political Science major Jordan Leising opened the night with a few words.

Taize came to the College when Nelson, who says she is always looking for new spiritual opportunities for students, took

SJC alumnus John Ligda '04 to a Taize Prayer Service in August 2003. They loved it so much they brought it here the same year. When he graduated, the number of services done at the College dropped to twice a year, because the current music ministry had yet to experience Taize. On October 5 of this year, they brought this year's music ministry to a Taize Prayer Service, and the response was great.

"Taize was awesome. I can't wait to do it at SJC," said sophomore Computer Science major Tom Lohmuller, who played the piano on the night of the Taize.

Overall, the event was very beautiful and came together very well. The turnout was small, but everyone there seemed very enthused about the event.

"I was thrilled with the spiritual and emotional grace that the music was able to convey," junior Philosophy major Travis Kahle said. Kahle also played the guitar at the service.

For more information on the next Taize Prayer Service at Saint Joseph's College, inquire to Campus Ministers Nelson and Brother Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S.

SJC Student Twirls to the Top

By Kathleen Grady, Publications and Media Relations Intern

Saint Joseph's College has fostered many people with unique talents over the years. Being a small, liberal arts college means that students are often free to explore and nurture their own individual interests while earning their degrees.

Sophomore Sara Porter is one such student. A Biology and Chemistry major from South Bend, Indiana, she is also the feature baton twirler at SJC. She enjoys entertaining the audience at halftime during home football and basketball games and delighting fans with stunts using one, two, or even three batons - and sometimes even setting them on fire.

How did Porter get her start? She picked up the baton when she was in 5th grade and marched in a parade with the Royal Majestics

baton corps, based in Mishawaka, Indiana.

"My family was excited about this because when my dad and aunt were younger, they were also in the Royal Majestics," she said. "My aunt was a twirler in the Corps and my dad was on the drumline."

Her early Royal Majestics experience led Porter to become more deeply involved, and she began competing in Juvenile - and later Junior - Corps, as well as taking lessons.

"We did many small competitions with State and Regionals thrown in, but nothing can compare to AYOP," she said. America's Youth on Parade is a national and world competition held annually at the University of Notre Dame.

"In 2001 and 2002 I represented Indiana and the Midwest in the Miss Majorette Pageant at AYOP," Porter continued. "With all the states

Puma Bus Competition a Success



Beginning Friday, November 2 at 6 p.m. and concluding Saturday, November 3 at 7:52 a.m., the Student Union Board-sponsored Puma Bus competition brought out almost 20 competitors and double that many friends and supporters. The nearly fourteen-hour competition saw two SJC students agreeing to split the prize. Sophomore Mathematics major Danny Livarchik walked away with the Wii, while Sophomore English major Maggie Hall received Guitar Hero III. "I am going to give the Wii to my younger brothers as a Christmas present, so I focused on them while standing on the bus," Livarchik said. "My roommate, Bailey, and I are going to have a fundraiser to try and buy a Wii," Hall said. "I couldn't have done it without my friends."



and regions competing, I came in 14th. My duet partner and I placed 3rd, and in two-baton, I ranked 7th."

However, once Porter started high school in the fall of 2002, she joined the volleyball team in addition to her baton twirling.

"I stepped out of the Junior Corps and only did one or two individual competitions," she remembered. "I performed at halftime of football games with my duet partner and one other

twirler from the Royal Majestics. My sophomore year I stopped twirling completely and became the starting setter for the volleyball team, and in my senior year, I was offered college scholarships for volleyball."

Coincidentally, none of the schools offering volleyball scholarships appealed to Porter, and she began picking up her baton again. When she made her visit to SJC, she learned that she

could have a spot as the feature twirler.

"I wrote the band director [Robb Thiel] an e-mail saying what titles I had won and what group I was in," she said. "He called me back a couple days later and he was very excited because not only did he have a twirler to audition, but he had also been in

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the Royal Majestics himself. I came for an audition and became Saint Joseph's new feature twirler."

Porter now enjoys writing her own routines to perform for fun at SJC, and she returned to competition last summer, as well, at AYOP's National and World Open Solo Competition. Much to her surprise and delight, she earned first place.

"My duet partner and I just started laughing when we found out that I got first because after all these years of being out of it, I was finally in it for the fun," she said.

Porter is currently hoping to compete in the same contest next summer for the final time. She is also teaching two young girls to follow in her footsteps with baton. She hopes to become a veterinarian in the future.

Halloween not Just for Tricks, but Treats for Needy Too

By Sabrina Butts, Staff Writer

On Halloween night, spooks and goblins ran amok in the streets, collecting candy and showing off costumes. While some students partied away or told ghost stories in the dark, some put their Halloween spirit (no pun intended) to helping the needy.

Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry was a big affair for Campus Ministry. They had a big turn out, with several sports getting involved, along with other students, as well. The baseball team had 35 trick-or-treaters, and the soccer team had 15, with about 40 other students in other groups. Many of them dressed up in costumes for the occasion.

The volunteers were sent out in groups of nine or ten into the community to collect non-perishable goods for the local Food Pantry.

Campus Ministry has been organizing the Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry for six years, and it has become a big success. This year, it is estimated that the Campus Ministry brought in close to 2,000 items for the Food Pantry.

"We've been doing it so long," said Ary Nelson, Campus Minister, "that people were waiting for us with bags ready, despite us not having advertised much."

The event went over so well that her waiting room in her office had no space left to walk in, thanks to all the generous donations from the surrounding community. Students came in the



SJC students with and without costumes help collect canned goods for the local food pantry. (photo courtesy of Tim Hemm C.P.P.S.).

day after the trick-or-treating and were helping workers from the Food Pantry organize and load the goods to be transported.

Other upcoming events for Campus Ministry include a

blanket project for the nursing home, the Candle Light Vigil for Deceased Children, Kairos, and Covenant House. Nelson encourages students to get involved.

First-Annual Relay for Life raises money for cancer research

By Becca Schafer, Staff Writer

Cancer has become one of the highest leading causes of early death in the United States. It is a growing epidemic in our nation today, which unfortunately leaves very few people untouched by its physical and/or emotional effects.

In response, over the last 20 years, hundreds of foundations and activities in support of cancer causes, victims, and survivors have sprung up all across the country. Saint Joseph's College is, for the first time, joining the growing trend and doing something to aid in cancer research.

Beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, October 26, and lasting until 6 a.m. Saturday morning, SJC students, staff, and local survivors marched in the Relay for Life. The event itself was held in the Rec Center due to weather complications.

The goal for the Relay for Life was to raise approximately \$25,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society. By collecting donations from any and all that were willing to give,

the participants were able to raise over \$10,000 to donate with the help of members of the American Cancer Society.

When asked whether the Relay for Life was a success, senior Biology major and chairperson, Melissa Cooper stated "(Even though) our original goal was \$25,000 it was our first year doing the Relay for Life, and I think we did an amazing job."

After money was collected around the community, dozens of Pumas volunteered to pace around the track in the recreation center for hours at a time in order to show support of victims and survivors of cancer.

This event was mandatory community service for the freshman class, so each Freshman Seminar Group had a representative walking at all times during the relay. While most freshmen signed up to walk for two or three hours, some freshman chose to walk the entire 12 hours of the Relay for Life.

Freshman Biology-Chemistry major Kandise Dalton and freshmen Economics major Ross Ratliff were two students who went above and beyond by

walking the entire night. They mutually agreed: "It was a long night, but it was a lot of fun."

The evening began with a survivor reception followed by a lap around the track for cancer survivors. After the survivors took the first victory lap, participants joined in as the entertainment began.

"There were numerous activities (throughout the night) such as karaoke, doughnut and pie eating contests, a 'bags' tournament, and limbo, to name a few," says Cooper.

"Our small committee of six people has put in a significant amount of time over the past few months putting all of these activities together, and it turned out wonderfully," she continued. "Hopefully it is a continued success and we can meet our goal next year."

At 6 a.m. when the walk drew to close, participants left the track and went outside releasing balloons into the sky in honor of cancer victims.

SJC Opera is Enriching for all in Attendance

By Jennifer Ruff, Staff Writer

On October 25th, 26th, and 27th, the Music Department allowed students, faculty, and community members to enjoy "An Evening at the Opera." The night featured *The Medium* by Gian Carlo Menotti and *The Cask of Amontillado* by Paul Geraci.

The Medium was a twisted tale about a medium named Madame Flora, played by senior English major Elizabeth Bessette, who is scamming people by having her daughter, Monica, played by junior Music Performance major Renee Rybolt, pose as the deceased returning to life for their families. The trouble arises from a mysterious touch Madame Flora receives during one of sessions.

She quickly brushes it off by blaming Toby, the mute boy that lives with them, played by freshman Criminal Justice major Anthony Dyer, but is then brought to face them again and again. However, her first

accusations never cease and she eventually goes crazy and takes his life at the end.

The Cask of Amontillado is a tale about Montressor acting on his revenge towards Fortunado who has wronged him. This opera, written by SJC's own Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Paul Geraci, follows the Edgar Allen Poe short story by the same name.

The two shows were impressing to the audience by not only the outstanding acting and singing, but also by their originality. The sheer fact that shows like these had been done on the SJC stage made the performances that much more exciting.

Senior English major Gabriele Nichols commented, "Having opera at SJC was an unique experience that I hope becomes a tradition."

Whether his hopes come true and opera returns to the SJC stage or not, all who witnessed the shows can clearly say that it was an evening to remember.

The Colombian Players present:

An Evening of One-Acts

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday November 8, 9, and 10 in the newly-rennovated SJC Theatre. Admission is free. The shows start at 8 p.m.

Well, I'm Going written by John Rahe and directed by BJ Houlding

Interviews with Loneliness written by Anne Wuehler and directed by Cord Atkinson

The Vacant Room written by Maria Moraisky and directed by Jon Broeker

Upcoming Campus Events

- Thursday, November 8 through Saturday, November 10: An Evening of One-Acts, presented by the Colombian Players. Curtian each night is at 8 p.m. in the SJC Theatre.
- Sunday, November 11 at 4 p.m.: Fall Choral Concert in the Chapel.
- Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m.: Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving Break.
- Monday, November 26: Classes resume.

Antigone Antagonizing?

By Lisa Wilkins, Letter to the Editor

Dear Antigone,

There was recently a comment in *the Observer* that I found very distasteful. In it, someone asked, “why does the Cafe food suck so much, especially on the weekends?” The reply given stated, among other things, that, “...your taste buds may be dying now, but in the future, people will be able to live through a nuclear holocaust because of your sacrifice.”

I realize that, during the weekend, the food is not quite as good as it is during the week. However, rather than insulting the Food Court staff, I think it would have been more appropriate for those concerned to simply approach chef Eric Braun and talk to him about it. The way in which it was handled was uncalled for.

First of all, as anyone can tell, the Staff works hard at their jobs. Anyone who ate in the Food Court last year can testify that the food has been much better this year, and has been improving since Eric came the second semester of last year. First semester of last year, I was literally sick every day because of the food. If you remember, the choices were poor and limited, and the food offered was almost always greasy and stomach wrenching.

Compare that to this year. There are always new items added to the menu; just recently it has been quesadillas. Every day there is a new selection on the grill: turkey melts, ham and cheese or patty melts, just to name a few. Also, there is a new buffet bar every day which sometimes consists of baked potatoes, a waffle fry bar or a hot dog bar. There are always fresh waffles for every

meal, and there is now even the real kind of ice cream that you would find at an ice cream parlor. Aside from this, Eric from time to time offers subs and special sandwiches, and he has even come up with a new burger in the HUB that is quite tasty.

How many times did the previous dining director even interact with the students? Eric is approachable and fun, and everyone has seen him walking around the Food Court to see who can guess how many jellybeans are in the jar. I am actually one of the people who guessed close to the right answer and I was rewarded with a cool water bottle. Sometimes he gives out hats, and all of us remember last year when he was throwing peanuts, candy, and prizes at ecstatic students. The atmosphere has drastically improved. I would go so far as to say it has done a 180, and the meals are now delicious, enjoyable, and fun.

Eric has done an outstanding job revamping the Food Court, while the workers are innovating healthier and more delectable food choices. Not only this, but they are hardworking, friendly and accommodating. One gentleman behind the grill (Doug) even went out of his way to make me a patty melt without onions because onions make me feel sick. Jeanette (J.R.) will always be the first to ask you how you are doing, and the Red Hot Chef (Lyn) is now a proud grandmother of a beautiful baby boy. Did you know that Marie, the little four-foot woman who used to push the dishes, has retired and that she has a boyfriend? Did you know that Faye, the sweet salad lady, saw

me in County Market and couldn’t wait to say hello? The breakfast ladies know me by sight and remember that I love biscuits and gravy. One of them made my dad eggs just the way he likes them, and he said it was the best breakfast he has had in years.

These are just a few of the stories that I could tell you about the kindness and generosity of our Staff. There is not one person behind that counter that hasn’t stopped at one point or another to ask me how I’m doing, how my weekend was, or how my classes are going. You won’t find that at many college campuses.

I realize that there is freedom of the press and free speech, but that cannot infringe on our small, tit nit family. *The Observer* should be praising the hard work and dedication that is done by our beloved Food Court staff. Eric and his staff do not deserve to be treated like our servants. They are part of this family and deserve to be treated with the same respect we show ourselves.

Editor’s Note: The comments in question appeared in the October 25th issue, on Page 5. I would like to apologize on behalf of the entire staff if anyone took any offense to the comments made. Antigone was burying her brother, and thus unavailable for comment, but it is my belief that she meant her comments only in jest. Ms. Wilkins is correct in saying the cafeteria food has gotten better recently. On an aside, how would you spell the abbreviation of “cafeteria,” when said “calf.” I’ve always said “caf,” but others use “cafe.” Wouldn’t that make it “caf-eh”? Anywho, again, apologies to the whole cafeteria staff.

Was It Really That Offensive?

By BJ, Guest Writer

First off, please note that this article is not by “Brent J. Houlding, Opinion Editor,” as articles by me usually are. It is instead simply by “BJ.” I want to make the distinction, this article doesn’t in anyway reflect anything having to do with the Observer or the college in any official capacity. My official comments on the issue appear in the Editor’s Note above. My opinion is to follow.

Seriously, how was anyone offended by that article last week? It was, in my opinion, clearly made in jest. Is there someone out there who fully believes that Antigone was actually serious about her suggestion that the cafeteria food was a government program to

help humanity survive a nuclear holocaust? Would it have helped if she had made a soylent green reference? Perhaps if she would have brought in the soup nazi it would have gotten a chuckle. Or maybe something about them starting a new show entitled “Lead Chef”-today’s ingredients: boric acid and apathy. To me, it was glaringly obvious that all comments were meant to be humorous. And, were that not enough to appease the masses, she specified at the end that, oh, the comments were made as a joke.

This reflects a greater problem we have in society today. So many people are afraid to laugh at themselves that take everything as a terrorist attack. Even terrorist attacks have a light

side, if you allow yourself to see it. The world is filled with humor, and we just need to open ourselves up and let the laughs come through. Is cancer funny? Is 9/11? Or the school shootings? No, of course not. But does it help ease the pain to make light of these occurrences? You bet. That’s why we tell jokes. That’s why we love the insult comics. That’s why we laugh at a guy taking a potshot to the stepchildren. I’m sorry if anyone took offense to the jovial comment about the cafeteria, but seriously? Please learn to laugh. For all of us. And maybe then, the food wouldn’t taste so strongly of bitter tears. (See, the food doesn’t taste like that at all. Ha ha. ...I liked it)

with people that they know, their families and their friends. And most of all, believe in God. I just want to say you all are a great bunch of students, and I am proud of all of you. I hope all of you choose the right path in life to take no matter where you go or what you do.

Thank You, Saint Joseph’s College

By Morey Johnson, Special Guest

On October 26, 2007 my husband Lee, granddaughter Laura, her friend Savannah and I attended the Relay for Life that the Saint Joseph’s College students put on. I am an 18-year cancer survivor. My heart was filled with a lot of respect for the students of Saint Joseph’s College. I see a lot of these students everyday while working in the HUB, but I never

get to see the other side of the students; the love, compassion and the ability they all have to help others. As a cancer survivor I have learned a lot about what is important to me. Before I got cancer, I thought the little things in life were really a necessity, but I learned by having cancer that everyone needs to enjoy their time on Earth by communing

Make ‘Em Work

By Jacob Teska, Guest Columnist

My parents always tried to teach me financial responsibility. All throughout high school I had a job. I bought my first car, paid my insurance and cell phone bills, and I would have never dreamed of asking them for money to go out with friends. It is not that my parents couldn’t afford these things. I knew that they could which made me angry at first. They always said that my brother and I needed to learn responsibility and how to become productive members of society. They also taught me that there is nothing free in this world. If something is labeled as “free” than someone, somewhere is paying for it. So, how much of our (those of us who work on campus, off campus or during the summer) tax dollars go towards those “free” checks that welfare families receive every month?

I know you are thinking, “Oh, great, now he is bashing the poor.” That is not what I am doing; I assure you. However, I am quite vexed with the way that welfare is distributed in this country, and with the people who abuse the system. Welfare is supposed to be a temporary government aid to help families get back on their feet. Did you know that there are third and fourth generation welfare families in this country? There are. This is because we have taught people that it is perfectly fine if you do not want to work. The government will take care of you.

When you give someone something for nothing it takes away their dignity. This leads to higher crime rates and the decline of urban neighborhoods. When welfare programs were first instituted in this country with the New Deal, people were not just given a check every month. The first welfare programs included the WPA and the CCC which put people to work for the government cleaning up parks and highways, planting trees etc. I believe that every able-bodied person who needs money should work for it! Obviously I would be willing to make exceptions for the physically and mentally handicapped, but even they have something to offer to society. If President Roosevelt were alive today he would be appalled with our welfare system.

I am sick and tired of people believing that the government is there to provide for their every need. It is not. This country was founded on the idea of LESS government intervention. I am not advocating neglect for the poor but it is not the government’s job to care for them. It is our job. Church groups and charitable organizations should help the needy and I should be able to choose which needy group I want to give my money to.

If we are going to have welfare programs they should be set up more like the WPA. There is nothing wrong with helping people but we need to give them a hand up not a hand out. We need to teach people



FDR is sad. Stop making him sad. Punks. (Picture thanks to <http://www.visitingdc.com/images/franklin-roosevelt-picture.jpg>)

responsibility and the skills that they need to become productive members of society. Cutting them a check every month is just further harming them and contributing to a vicious handout cycle. This is going to sound very cliché but I will go ahead and say it anyway. If you give a man a fish he will eat for a day. If you teach a man to fish he will eat for a lifetime. We need to reform the welfare system and make ‘em work.

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Characters Reign Supreme in *The Poisonwood Bible*

By Erika Rowshan, Staff Writer

Last year I determined that I would take a history course by the name of History through Literature. Why? Because I love literature, and I especially love historical literature. I digress. In this class, we read a novel by the name of *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver that I enjoyed reading very much. Thus, here is a review of the aforementioned novel.

The Poisonwood Bible is about a family of Christian missionaries who travel to the Congo in the late 1950s in an attempt to win over the African tribes to all things holy and wonderful (i.e. God). The family consists of four young daughters, a mother, and a very fundamental (and rather irritating) father. The novel shows just how much a society such as that found in Africa can be changed by such a family. It also shows just how much such a family can be changed by Africa.

When I first delved into the beginning pages of *The Poisonwood Bible*, I noticed a few things right away: the novel was written in a very intriguing way, and the characters were quite interesting. The novel is written so that every chapter is through the perspective of a different female character of the family. The reader is never shown the perspective or inner monologue of the father, which was indeed quite interesting.

The characters are perhaps the main reason why I love *The Poisonwood Bible* so much. They are all deeply interesting and complex in their own unique ways.

The youngest daughter, a five-year-old by the name of Ruth May, is such an interesting character. The author seems to have grasped the mentality of a five-year-old almost perfectly. She is definitely not shy about expressing what she thinks (as most five-year-old little girls are not). What I find interesting about Ruth May is how much her family influences what she thinks. Children are so susceptible to adults. This is especially true in the case of the youngest daughter of the family.

Leah, a young teenaged twin, is the tomboy of the family. She had her hair cut short so to be viewed as different from her sister. Although Leah starts out in the novel as something of a follower of her father, she eventually becomes quite a strong character who creates a lot of change throughout the story.

The next daughter, Adah, has a mental handicap and is incapable of speaking. Although she cannot speak, her mind is a beautiful place. I found true poetry when reading the thoughts of Adah. Adah loves language and expresses herself beautifully. She uses rhyme and complicated,

beautiful words. She is also a lover of palindromes (or words and phrases that say the same things backwards). She speaks about how she will read a book forwards, and then read it backwards. I found Adah's chapters to be quite interesting because of the fact that although she may have a handicap, she is usually the character who shows the most common sense out of the bunch!

The eldest of the daughters is Rachel. Rachel may just be what most would consider the stereotypical teenaged girl of her time period. Her character is full of a gossipy and dramatic attitude that I found to be quite frustrating at times.

Finally, there is the mother. She is perhaps the most complicated of all the characters in *The Poisonwood Bible*. The reader does not often get the inner monologue from the mother, but when she does have a chapter, one finds that she is very intriguing indeed. I found myself feeling quite sorry for a woman who was stuck in a marriage with such an unfeeling and strangely fundamental man as the father character.

If it seems I am discussing the characters too much, do not be alarmed. The basis of this novel is the wonderful characterization and growth that Kingsolver gives to the reader throughout the novel. The reader will see each of these characters change as they grow older and are influenced by their new lives in Africa. None of the girls remains the same after her experiences in the Congo.

Although I did indeed enjoy the characters of the novel, I would have liked to have heard what the character of the father was thinking. I find this frustrating because so many of the absolutely mind-boggling things that he does cause me to truly want to see what he might have been feeling or thinking. Nevertheless, Kingsolver chose not to include the inner monologue of the father, and this is perhaps my only complaint with *The Poisonwood Bible*.

I must say that if you enjoy reading a novel in which you truly experience how the characters are feeling, this is most definitely a book to read. Without a doubt, this is one of my favorite novels that I have had to read for college. I highly recommend picking up *The Poisonwood Bible* and reading it today.

I give *The Poisonwood Bible*:



James Bond Still Holds a License to Kill

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

Last year, *Casino Royale* revitalized the floundering James Bond franchise. It managed this difficult feat through style and grace, re-setting the story with a Bond just starting his career as a 007. The movie even used the first Ian Fleming novel as its basis, truly bringing everything back to its roots.

Because of this rejuvenation, all the James Bond movies are finally being released individually on DVD. At first, they were only available in boxes of four movies at a time, each set spread out through the entire series' history. This proved annoying, as it was impossible to buy Bond movies from a certain era, and often packaged outright bad films alongside the classics.

Now that these movies are available in a more convenient form, it is easy to examine the true origins of the Bond franchise. Two of the first 007 movies, *Dr. No* and *Goldfinger*, both show how the original Bond formula was set while still proving to be some of the best secret agent movies ever.

Dr. No is rather low-key for much of the first half of the movie. The Bond staples, like the famous music and the gun barrel scene at the beginning, are all here, along with the beautiful woman that are both friend and foe. However, much of the movie is less action and more espionage, as Bond explores the

Jamaican coast trying to discover who might be interfering with American rocket launches.

Once 007 reaches the mysterious Crab Key, the action starts becoming familiar. Fantastic machines, like a flame throwing "dragon" vehicle, and bizarre enemies await. Dr. No himself possesses the bizarre characteristic of having metal claws for hands. Of course, Bond must stop the villain, escape the island lair, and get the girl, all with little blood and no nudity. It isn't the best movie in the series, but it is a pretty effective beginning.

While *Dr. No* may be the first movie chronologically, *Goldfinger* is the first movie everyone thinks of. While *Dr. No* introduced some of the Bond staples, *Goldfinger* contains them all. 007 faces off against three different beautiful women, a massive Korean henchman who throws a deadly hat, and Goldfinger himself, a jovial but ruthless gold smuggler. Bond receives his mission from M, flirts with Money Penny, and visits Q and his gadgets. He even gets the iconic Aston Martin.

The movie itself is almost a mess, spanning the globe and including car chases, a golf game, nighttime raids, gangsters, and even an ejector seat. The pure insanity of it all is really the movie's charm, as it becomes something purely entertaining. It



It seems James Bond is about to receive the world's largest flu shot. (Photo courtesy of http://images.vietnamnet.vn/dataimages/200707/original/images1357017_19goldfinger_1.jpg)

also contains both the girl covered in gold and one of the greatest exchanges in movies history. "Do you expect me to talk?" "No, I expect you to die!"

As an additional note, both of these movies feature Sean Connery as James Bond. While there is still debate over who is the greatest actor to play James Bond, Sean Connery is still the man who defined the role. Even today, his James Bond proves a suave yet deadly figure, though occasional moments of misogyny prove troublesome.

Being that these movies are over 40 years old, giving them a star rating is somewhat pointless. Instead, these movies are highly recommended for anybody who enjoys entertaining adventure or is interested in a piece of film history.

An Explicit History of Music

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

This issue, we have a bit of a musical history lesson. Over a decade ago, the Parental Advisory label was born. This label has adorned music from so many genres, probably only polka and folk dances have been untouched.

Before the days of the label, the music world was a lawless place, with lots of cuss words, violent imagery, and sex. You could not step into a record store without being bombarded by albums encouraging people to rape, pillage, and burn. At least, that is what politicians and moral and religious groups wanted the public to believe.

These groups began to apply pressure to the music industry in any way possible. They rallied behind charges against the heavy metal band Judas Priest when two fans tried to kill themselves while listening to an album. Infamously, they claimed subliminal, backwards messages in the lyrics encouraged suicide. The message they claimed to have heard? "Do it." As Rob Halford, Judas Priest's lead singer later commented, "Do what?"

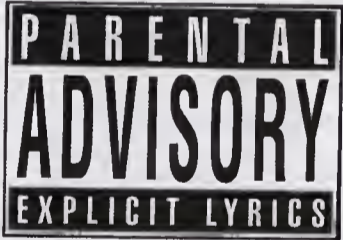
Another prime example of this moral panic actually resulted in legal issues. Hip-hop group 2 Live Crew released their new album, *As Nasty as They Wanna*

Be, filled with their usual sexually-explicit lyrics. The first single was the song "Me So Horny," and the album only degenerated from there.

Obviously not music for kids, the album created such a panic among the moral majority that some police departments marked it as obscene. It became a crime to carry the album in certain communities, and was sold under-the-counter by the few record stores that would dare stock it.

Such chaos only continued to build. The final straw was when Tipper Gore and several other Washington wives heard their children listening to filthy lyrics, especially those of Prince. This group of wives formed the PMRC, Parents Music Resource Center, with the goal of pressuring the RIAA, Recording Industry Association of America, and thus the music industry, to self-police and self-censor its artists. When their actions resulted in Congressional hearings, the RIAA quickly capitulated, even while recording artists such as John Denver and Frank Zappa vehemently opposed potential censorship.

The result was the labeling of offense albums with the Parental Advisory logo. One of the first



The image that's spawned thousands of bad Hot Topic t-shirts. (Photo courtesy of http://images.vietnamnet.vn/dataimages/200707/original/images1357017_19goldfinger_1.jpg)

albums labeled as such was Frank Zappa's *Jazz from Hell*. This was somewhat bizarre, as the album was instrumental and contained no lyrics.

The warning label has had some impact, but probably not what was expected. Wal-Mart, along with other stores, refused to stock any albums with the Parental Advisory, demanding censored versions of supposedly offensive albums. The symbol itself has become a staple of pop culture, used more for its rebel credibility rather than warning any parents. Not satisfied, moral groups continue to attack the music industry, recently focusing on hip-hop and rap, whose albums usually feature the warning label anyway.

The more things change, the more things stay the same.

Converting Television: The New Catholic Channel

By Gabriele Nichols, *Features Editor*

After years of attending a Catholic College, I believe I have learned a few things about the faith. (*Editor's Note: This joke was censored. I feel so proud.*). Also, apparently the Church was not being that bad when they placed Galileo under house arrest, they were just doing it for his own good. And by "his own good," I mean so they did not stone him the moment he left said house.

One of the essential things I have learned is that Catholic television is possibly the most boring television in the world. I have watched golf games on TV that are twenty times more exciting and have spectators that don't look, well, dead. Some of the people on those religious shows look like they are the first wave of a zombie apocalypse. The only thing more terrifying than a zombie apocalypse is one where all the undead are droning on about saints and dogma.

Honestly, if I wanted to hear Father Gregori or Sister Mary Clarence bore me to death, I'd just go ahead and attend Mass. At least there I can get wine, in the form of transubstantiated blood. Communion: the only place where eating flesh and drinking blood doesn't make you a cannibal or a vampire.

I have made it my duty to improve this intolerable situation. In conjunction with the World Institute of Catholic Communications Associated, or W.I.C.C.A., I am proposing a plan for The New Catholic Channel™, which will revolutionize religious television. These shows will provide real entertainment and useful knowledge for today's Catholic, rather than acting as an insomnia cure.

What follows are some of my proposals for the great new shows on The New Catholic Channel™.

Mornings with Mary Magdalene

A new morning talk show with the second most famous Mary in the Bible, the show will feature many of today's most famous Catholics as guests. These people are famous enough that they probably haven't attended Mass in 20 years, but they're glad to exploit their religious background if it means they can make even more money. On the first episode, director and actor Kevin Smith appears to talk about the irony of being persecuted by people of your own faith for supposedly being a heathen.

Unfortunately, the show has been cancelled after taping only one episode. Apparently, every guest and audience member asked Mary the same exact question. "So, is it true what they say about you and Jesus?"

Mealttime Salvation

Another daytime television show, *Mealttime Salvation* features cooking tips both for those looking to make gourmet meals and those cooking on a budget. For example, the first episode shows poor college students the 12 ways to use leftover host from communion to make a hearty meal. Tip Number 4 is to combine host with Cheez Whiz for a hearty snack. Just make sure the host is unsubstantiated and you don't bring the cheese to Mass.

There is some worry that *Mealttime Salvation* may lose some viewership during Lent. A show can't air infinite variations

on preparing fish without losing some people's interest.

Dogma Digest

A how-to show, *Dogma Digest* shows Catholics ways to use loopholes in Church law for fun and profit. On the first episode, how to encourage your priest to re-instate plenary indulgences and get him to split the proceeds from people buying their way into heaven. Also, a short segment on how travel dispensations can save you from ever attending Mass again.

N.O.M.A.

In the tradition of science shows like *NOVA* comes *N.O.M.A.* It's actually pretty much the same show, covering about the same scientific topics. However, *N.O.M.A.* also features constant reminders that the Catholic Church doesn't contradict science and repeated attempts to justify past oppression of scientific thought.

Catholic Justice League

An after-school cartoon show, *Catholic Justice League* follows the exploits of the world's greatest religious superheroes. Following direct orders from Heaven, because they claim they can talk to Jesus, the Catholic Justice League faces the threats of heathenism, atheism, and worst of all, Catholics not fulfilling their moral obligations.

Thrill to the exploits of characters like the Amazonian Nun and her sidekick Altar Boy. Watch as they race onward in their supervehicle Holy-1, which runs on incense and comes complete with holy water cup holders. Coming this winter, your children will be brainwashed

before they can even begin to think for themselves.

Late Night with the Confessional

Every network needs its exciting and slightly risqué late night shows, and we definitely have ours. *Late Night with the Confessional* lets viewers call-in and confess their most salacious and naughty sins live on the air. Adultery, sex, binge drinking, all will be revealed in intimate detail. Listen as callers say their Hail Mary very, very slowly.

Finally, through the night we'll air infomercials and advertisements featuring products and services targeted towards our audience. Currently we're still in negotiation with a company wanting to advertise new tapes called *Catholic Girls Gone Wild*. Other than that, we have already received our first completed commercial.

What follows is the transcript:

"Come on down to Father Levesque's Vatican Supply Warehouse, where we're having some of our greatest deals of the year! For a limited time only, we're throwing in a free hat with every used Popemobile! Come on down and see prices so low, even the Devil has to look down to see them. Due to a mistake in blessing, we're drowning in holy water, so it's all 20% off. Prices this low have to be sinful, so come on down before it's too late!"

All exciting stuff and all coming soon to a television near you. The New Catholic

Network™ is going to revolutionize the collision of TV and religion, if we actually manage to get on the air. However, you have to admit that we're more interesting than most of the things they put on television, and probably still less offensive.

Note: Some may say I'll be excommunicated for this article. Well, as my good friend Antigone says, you can't be excommunicated if you weren't



Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!
(Photo courtesy of

communicated in the first place. I'm also not expecting the Spanish Inquisition any time soon.

However, I'd like to assure everyone that I do not hate the Catholic Church. Neither do I hate the aforementioned cannibals and vampires. Some of my best friends are Catholics and vampires. I just believe that any institution that has had only two revisions in 2,000 years is in need of some lampooning.

Note Note: I'm not making a joke when I say the real Catholic channel is possibly the most boring thing in existence. The paint-drying network probably beats it in ratings.

Ask Antigone

By Antigone, *Staff Writer*



s/he has found my column offensive and that I was "rude and patronizing," "cruel and insulting," "heartless and malicious," "uncalled for," and (my personal favorite) "selfish, self-centered, and uncaring." (*Editor's Note: Some of that is true, but still...*) Am I the only person out there that found this ironic: that in a letter of complaint to the Dean of Students asking for an apology and a retraction for an article they found insulting, that they would insult the author of said

article so much?

This is going to sound completely horrible (I know, most of you will be surprised and taken completely off-guard by this), but I kind of found the letter amusing. I know what you are all thinking, and the answer is, because I have no soul. No really, this is a true story. The incest in my family caused massive birth defects, so not only do I have to call my Father and Mother Grandpa and Grandma, I also have no soul. But I digress. I am

serious when I say I found the letter funny, but to make sure it was not just me who thought the letter was kind of out there, I asked the people around me about this letter in a hypothetical way. Mainly I asked what someone would think if a hypothetical member of the Catholic Justice League (*Editor's Note: See the article above for the Catholic Justice League*) found your newspaper article (I use this term loosely, especially in reference to *The Observer*) to be offensive.

I got a few weird looks the first couple of times I asked, as well as being stunned and maced, but I persevered. Finally I found someone who took me seriously and got this response: "Catholic Justice League?!?! Talk about your oxymorons! Let me see, there were the crusades, and that bit about burning heretics at the stake, and those uncountable missionary-incubated smallpox epidemics that served to reduce indigenous populations to manageable levels, collusion with the Nazis, a belief system saturated with misogynistic overtones, and...well, they are finally owning up to (or at least paying up for) the pedophile priest cover-ups of the last few decades. Justice is yet another dish that Catholics prefer served in wafer-

thin, symbolically cannibalistic doses—washed down with a healthy swig of denial (the 12% stuff that comes in those green 4 liter jugs)."

Oops, wrong quote. What I meant to say was I got this response, "Are you for serious (yes, this person did use the phrase "for serious")? Does this person not know what sarcasm is?"

I believe that this response has gotten to the crux of the problem. The person writing this letter obviously does not know what sarcasm is, and most likely also does not know what irony, parody, or any other type of humor is.

I mean I know I am pretty funny, but sometimes even I miss the mark. However, I do not believe that I was that offensive. The article was my opinion about the food in the café (this may not be the Opinion page, but after Joe Larson, anything's game), but it was not meant to offend. As for offering an apology for my article, I am going to say that I will have to take a rain check on that one. I did nothing wrong, and believe me, that was rather tame compared to some of the comments I have heard about the food there.

Still think that article was offensive? Try eating in the café

on a weekend. You think the food can be bad during the week, but nothing compares to the unappetizing concoctions that are served Friday night to Sunday afternoon (unless there is a football game). This past weekend, I actually had one of the workers apologize to me about the food that had been served. That is when you definitely know you have a problem.

To conclude my mini-rant, I just have to say that I am not sorry for what I said in the last week's issue. In fact, I think that after the massive insulting I took from the writer of the letter, who was being serious and not funny, s/he should have to apologize to me for slander and libel. Antigone

P.S.: I forgot to mention this in my letter, but will someone please send me a question. If things keep up the way they are, I am going to be sued for assault and harassment by the end of the year. Your question does not even have to be that good, just as long as it is a question pertaining to college life. In fact, the next person that sends in a question gets a free meal in the HUB so you can miss out on one of the delightful concoctions the café has cooked

Dear Readers,

I know that in this space I usually answer some type of question that I have gotten (actually I usually just mug people for questions when they come into the café the day before I have to turn my article in), but today we are going to do something slightly different. You see, I have recently received a letter from a student complaining and asking for an apology/retraction for my comments about the café food. In this letter, the student starts out by telling me

Puma Football Closing Schedule Not Friendly

By Andrew Costello, Sports Editor



Sophomore fullback Terrence Freeman (34) scores on a trick play against Central State. (All photos courtesy of Rev. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78.)

With the 2007 football season coming to a close, the Pumas are in a predicament that they have not experienced since the 2003 season: a losing record. After having to suffer two gut-wrenching losses to West Chester (Pennsylvania) and Central State (Ohio), the Pumas are faced with a losing season for the first time in four years. Despite these losses, however, the Pumas must look toward their next opponent, Lincoln (Missouri), and hope to end the season on a good note.

On October 27, the Pumas loaded on the bus and traveled nearly 13 hours to Philadelphia to face off against new opponent West Chester University. Although the Pumas kept pace with their opponent late into the third quarter, the eleventh-ranked Golden Rams scored three

unanswered touchdowns to gain a 34-20 advantage and nab another victory from the Pumas. West Chester gained the upper hand in many of the game's offensive categories. The Golden Rams out gained the Pumas by well over 300 yards on offense (536 to 233), as they kept the ball for nearly 12 minutes more than SJC.

Senior quarterback Anthony Lindsey finished the day completing 19 of his 25 passes for 137 yards and one touchdown. Senior wide receiver Dan Paulsen nabbed four passes for 31 yards, while sophomore Mack Ogletree nabbed four catches for 19 yards. Senior running back Greg Ford continued to improve his gridiron resume by gaining 91 yards on 17 carries and receiving for 31 yards, thus breaking Roy Johnson's 20-year-old record for most all-purpose yardage in a college tenure (3,357). On the other side of the ball, senior defensive back Fred Blanton garnered 12 tackles (a career-best), and redshirt-junior Payne Schoen and senior DeQwan Young each had eight.

This past weekend, the Pumas looked to erase the memories of a loss to a nationally-ranked team by taking on conference-foe Central State. The Pumas looked to avenge a sloppy loss to the



Quarterback Anthony Lindsey (11), under pressure, looks for the open man.

Marauders that prevented them from having a perfect record in conference play last season. Although the Pumas scored first and held their own for a majority of the game, late second-half surges by the Marauders resulted in a 34-21 loss, thus eliminating the Pumas from GLFC title contention. Despite scoring on a fake field goal attempt, the Pumas could not contain a mobile quarterback and a stingy defense that caught two interceptions.

The loss, however, did not totally damper the importance of last Saturday's contest. Anthony Lindsey completed 20 of 38 passing attempts, and his 241-yard day made him the 14th quarterback in Division II football to have over 10,000 yards in a collegiate career. Paulsen added to his own list of

impressive accolades by garnering 149 yards on 10 passes, moving him beyond teammate Greg Ford for the all-time lead in career all-purpose yardage (3,490). Schoen had a career day, recording 13 tackles, as well as 2.5 more tackles for a loss, while freshman phenom defensive back David Wallace stopped eight.

The Pumas conclude the 2007 campaign against Lincoln (Missouri), a team which the Pumas have historically had success against (knock on wood). The Pumas own a 4-1 series advantage over the Blue Tigers, including a 60-3 thrashing last season.

Despite the recent troubles, defensive back DeQwan Young is confident that the Pumas can end the season on a positive note. "We are going into this game with a chip on our shoulder, because we are a lot better than our record shows. We let the last two games slip away from us in games that we feel we should have won," said the four-year starter. "We will go into this game as seniors looking to close out our careers and as a team looking to rebuild for next year," he continued.

Kickoff is set for noon at Alumni Stadium Saturday. A pre-game ceremony will

commence in order to honor the Puma football senior class. For Payne Schoen, this game is important to help punctuate the importance of the senior class's legacy.

"We have looked into the face of adversity time and time again this year, and at times we came out victorious and others we faced defeat but through adversity teams become stronger and learn from their mistakes. This team is packed with talent all across the board from the quarterback to the receiving core and the online and running backs along with the defense but for several different reasons our record is the way it is. This year's senior class is going to go out as the class with the most wins regardless of this year's record. This team along with it's seniors is way too talented not to go out with a win," he said.



Senior defensive back DeQwan Young and sophomore defensive back Dominique White have confused opponents while on special teams. (All statistics courtesy of SJC Sports Information Department.)

Blackhawks, Islanders Could Make A Difference This Season

By John Wyatt, Staff Writer



(The Islanders and Blackhawks are two of a handful of teams to look at in the NHL in 2007-2008. Images extrapolated from www.nhl94.com/images/logos_lg.)

This year's season has started out with many hopes for many teams. Some, such as the Minnesota Wild, remain in high spirits with a record of 9-4-1, the tops in their division. Other teams, such as the Atlanta Thrashers, just picked up their first win a few weeks ago. So other teams have had their hopes thrashed (yes pun intended) and struggle to save face. The New York Rangers are just that, having broke the bank picking up many players and have so far flopped, going just 7-6-1. Another team that seems to be coming out of the wood work that only a few people could see coming are the Philadelphia Flyers. Their surprise play has everyone baffled as their lead forwards fly (oh yes another pun) other teams and seemingly slide every shot pass opposing goalies. So look

for them to continue this run of goalie terror and jump to an early lead in the division to possibly secure a playoff spot.

As far as last-edition picks went, they are all holding up pretty true. The Red Wings have a nice lead on the division. The Blackhawks are in second place and only a win behind; it could be possible for them to slip by as the season goes on. Ottawa also has a solid lead on their division. Starting out so far 12-1, they look to repeat as the East champions and look for that second chance to grab the Cup. But it's early, so anything can happen. My pick to win the East is the Islanders, but they are down a game behind the Flyers. But, like I said, it's early and there's always a wild card. Anaheim, coming off a Stanley Cup victory last year, was

looking to repeat. But it appears that in every sport, the reigning champs have everyone gunning for them and it's just as true here. They currently sit third in the division and have to face tough teams like Dallas, and the apparent new favorite to win it all: San Jose. But my money still is pinned on the Ducks coming through later on. But giving San Jose the wild card is not a bad pick.

The Avalanche have me kicking myself a lot lately. They are barely over .500 after 14 games and have gotten lucky on several occasions. They sit second in the division and have the phenomena of hockey, the Minnesota Wild, taking any hope thus far of making a stand. Along with Calgary ahead of them, they really need to pick up their game to make any attempt at anything.

Cross Country Teams Place 16th at NCAA Great Lakes Regional

By Clark Teuscher '00, Sports Information Director



The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's cross country teams closed the 2007 season with identical 16th-place finishes in the 22-team NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championships, contested Saturday at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

The SJC men's team tallied 410 points in the meet, while Grand Valley State University cruised to victory with 20 points. GVSU's Nate Peck toured the 10,000-meter (6.2-mile) course in 31:05 to take individual first-place honors.

Matt Leonardo (Sr., Chicago, IL/St. Laurence) placed 53rd overall to lead SJC's contingent. His time of 33:23 was a personal best by more than 90 seconds and was the third-fastest all-time at the distance at SJC.

Corey Spriggs (Fr., Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle) finished 58th overall in 33:28, while Naza Sanchez (Fr., Rensselaer, IN/Central) was 75th in 33:54. Andy Rogers (Jr., Remington, IN/Indiana State

Univ.) was 106th in 34:56 and Jay Skibbens (So., Bloomington, IL) completed the scoring by placing 123rd in 35:41.

Grand Valley completed a sweep of the team titles by scoring 40 points in the women's race, while SJC had 377. Wayne State University's Rachelle Malette won the individual crown, finishing the 6,000-meter (3.75-mile) course in 21:12.

Ashley Moore (Sr., Clarksville, IN) completed a four-year run of leading SJC in every single meet, placing 43rd overall in 23:18. Jenna Helton (Jr., Waterloo, IL) followed in 23:30 to place 54th, while Kim Woodruff (Sr., Michigan City, IN) was 69th (23:44), Tiffani Sawmiller (So., Wapakoneta, OH) was 96th (24:17), and Jacqui Mohr (Jr., Crown Point, IN) was 124th (25:09).

TOP: Seniors Matt Leonardo (left) and Ashley Moore (right) finished their cross country careers with Academic All-American status. (All photos courtesy of Rev. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78.)

Inside the NFL: Colts-Pats Rivalry Still Bitter

By David Spencer, *Staff Writer and NFL analyst*



The Colts let an early fourth-quarter lead slip away to the Patriots. (Photo extrapolated from NFL.com gallery.)

After the midway point of the NFL season, many teams are turning around their fortunes after disappointing seasons in the previous few years. While the Colts and Patriots seem to dominate the discussion of who might go all the way to Super Bowl XLI this year, other young teams are rising to the surface and are trying to make their own statement within the league.

The Minnesota Vikings recently disposed of the San Diego Chargers in a game that featured two individual feats that will most likely forever be in the NFL record books. After the Patriots' Ellis Hobbs returned a kickoff 108 yards earlier this season, the longest kickoff return in NFL history, the Chargers' Antonio Cromartie returns a missed field goal an unprecedented 109 yards. Just to clarify, that is not only the longest play in NFL history by any standard, but it is also the longest possible touchdown that could be scored after coming out of the back of the endzone.

Not to be outdone, Vikings' rookie Adrian Peterson broke an even more significant record in the Week 9 contest against the Chargers. When I was a kid, I always revered the number in the record book put up by the Chicago Bears' late Walter Payton against the Vikings in 1977. Payton rushed for 275 yards in a single game while battling the flu, which was a record that stood until Corey Dillon broke it in 2000 with the Bengals, rushing for 278 yards. I mourned the day Dillon broke Payton's record, being a huge Walter Payton fan in my youth. Walter Payton owned most of the NFL rushing records when he retired in 1987, but this single game record and his career mark of 16,726 rushing yards were eventually surpassed by current ESPN analyst Emmitt Smith.

Payton's single-game record did not stand for long when Jamal Lewis broke the record with the Ravens in 2003, rushing for 295 yards. Lewis' record was a major feat and a standard that most thought would have lasted for a long time to come.

Enter former Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson. Against the Chargers, the Vikings' rookie running back bested Lewis' mark by one yard, finishing with 296 yards in a win over San Diego. The Vikings also ran for 378 rushing yards as a team, a club record, as Chester Taylor spelled Peterson from time to time. Even so, Peterson rattled off three touchdowns, including one for 46 and a 64-yard scramble in the third quarter. Peterson said afterwards that as a student of the NFL game, he could not believe what he had just done. When asked about breaking the record, Peterson was

quoted, "I was out playing ball. I wasn't thinking about the record at all."

Peterson also became the first rookie in NFL history to rush for at least 200 yards in two games. Peterson has reached 1,036 yards rushing this season so far, and he is on a pace that would smash Eric Dickerson's rookie record of 1,808 yards set in 1983. Dickerson's all-time record of 2,105 yards in 1984 is also within reach. The rookie leads all NFL running backs after nine weeks.

The Kansas City Chiefs are one team that is doing a lot of things right despite losing in a heartbreaker to the Packers in Week 9. Many people counted out the Chiefs at the beginning of the season, but the Chiefs are still at the top of the AFC West with a tightly-contested division race against the Chargers. NFL cast-off Damon Huard is making plays to his receivers which include former USC standout Dwayne Boye and the perennial Pro-Bowler Tony Gonzalez. The Chiefs came back to rally late against the Packers this past week, but Brett Favre merely threw up another pass off his back foot to Greg Jennings for a touchdown to ice the game. Despite the loss, the Chiefs are looking strong and have been helped by the forgotten Priest Holmes coming off the bench.

The Cleveland Browns are 5-3 and battling for a playoff spot as they compete against the Steelers in the AFC North. The Browns were the big story at the beginning of the season because everyone was wondering when they would give up on winning and just put South Bend idol Brady Quinn of Notre Dame in at starting quarterback. The Browns, however, have been winning on the arm of quarterback Derek Anderson. Anderson, in his third season out of Oregon State, has thrown 17 touchdowns and has a QB rating of 95.5, fifth among all active quarterbacks this season. Anderson is throwing downfield to Braylon Edwards, in his third season out of Michigan, and motorcycle stuntman Kellen Winslow in his fourth season out of Miami (Florida). The Browns are getting help from running back Jamal Lewis and a solid defense led by Willie McGinest and Kamerion Wimbley. Cleveland fans finally have

something to cheer for besides a high draft pick year-to-year.

Another team from the Midwest, the Detroit Lions, are riding high after a crushing 44-7 victory against the Denver Broncos, pushing the Lions to 6-2 and trailing the Packers by one game in the NFC North. The Lions are led by a Mike Martz offense with gunslinger Jon Kitna, who has a 94.3 QB rating. The Lions are helped by a solid defense and wide receivers that are driving the Lions downfield in the Motor City. Roy Williams, Shaun McDonald, and Mike Furrey are all averaging at least 11.7 yards per catch, but the real story developing in Detroit is the play of the highest drafted wide receiver out of Georgia Tech, Calvin Johnson. The athletic Johnson is averaging 17.8 yards a catch, tops among all Detroit receivers, and is sure to be a productive receiver in Detroit for years to come. The Midwest teams, with the exemption of the Chicago Bears, are all playing quality football this season, with the inclusion of the Tennessee Titans (6-2) and the Indianapolis Colts (7-1). The Packers, Lions, Vikings, Browns, Titans, and Colts are all fighting for a chance to compete against that other team you may have heard about on the East Coast.

The New England Patriots are 9-0 going into their bye week and they recently defeated the Indianapolis Colts in the RCA Dome 24-20. Colts fans like myself were disappointed to see Tom Brady easily move down the field in the fourth quarter to rally to beat the Colts, but Colts fans know that the real battle will most likely be fought in the AFC Championship later this season. If the Patriots finish out the season as the number one seed in the AFC and win their divisional round game, and the Colts finish number two in the AFC and win their divisional game, they will meet again, but most likely in Foxboro as the Patriots have an advantage over the Colts, beating them in a head-to-head contest. Despite setting a club record for penalty yards, the Patriots came back to defeat a Colts team with a beat-up receiving corps and a depleted linebacking unit.

As the playoff races start to heat up, be sure to look for the up-and-coming teams like the Lions, Chiefs, and Browns to compete against the established and elite teams in the NFL. Don't forget about the Packers and the Cowboys in the NFC, not to mention the surging Saints, and in the AFC, watch out for the Pittsburgh Steelers to challenge the Patriots and Colts. Although the Patriots beat the Colts this past Sunday, there is still a lot of football to be played. Don't count defending champions out—we will see Peyton Manning and the Colts again down the road.

Puma Tennis Profile: James Smith

By Andrew Costello, *Sports Editor*



Smith, a senior, has helped the Puma tennis program qualify for the GLVC tournament the past two years. (Photo courtesy of SJC Sports Information.)

- 1. Full Name:** James David Smith
- 2. Age:** 22
- 3. Favorite home-cooked meal:** Drive-through Taco Bell
- 4. Favorite Television show as a child:** Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?
- 5. Most embarrassing moment:** Burning my hands last year
- 6. Favorite Tennis player:** Novak Djokovic and Jelena Jankovic
- 7. Ever visit any foreign countries (besides Canada):** Yes...Kentucky

8. Bears or Colts: Colts

9. If I could change one thing about Rensselaer, it would be....: White Castle across the street from SJC

10. Worst job experience: Having my roommate steal my job this year

11. Best job experience: Working at Stanford with Dick Gould

12. Finish this rap song: "Ever since I can remember I've been...." hating rap music.

13. Best concert experience: Concerts stink; just download the music.

14. What's one thing most people don't know about you: My favorite thing to be called is JimJims.

15. Any relation to John Smith?: Only if I can marry Pocahontas.

16. Any career plans?: Teach Core

17. Proudest moment as a Puma: Making the GLVC tournament the past two seasons

18. Role model(s): Matt Frankowski and Liz Power (really anyone but Broderick)

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Cobean, Van Slooten Named Academic All-District

By Clark Teuscher '00, *Sports Information Director*

Saint Joseph's College women's soccer players Rachel Cobean (Jr., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario/St. Basil) and Ashley Van Slooten (Jr., Grand Rapids, MI/Northview) have been honored with selections to the 2007 *ESPN The Magazine* College Division Academic All-District 5 Third Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The College Division consists of all NCAA Division II and Division III institutions, as well as NAIA institutions. District 5 includes the states of Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Manitoba.

Cobean, who carries a 3.74 grade-point average in Physical Education at SJC, was one of four

forwards named to the Third Team. She tied for fourth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with nine goals scored this season, and was honored with a selection to the All-GLVC First Team this season as well.

Van Slooten, one of five midfielders named to the Third Team, as a Biology/Chemistry major with a 3.81 GPA. She scored six goals and was fourth in the GLVC in assists with eight.

The full listing of the Academic All-District Teams, as well as All-District and All-America teams in other sports, can be found online at www.cosida.com.

The Pumas finished the 2007 season with a record of 8-10-2.

Karma and the Cosmos

Divined by our own Sage Sukey



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Romance is not in your best interest this week. People you think may be interested may just be looking for a way to seek revenge on an ex. Not to say that one of the hopeful romantics seeking your hand is not true; he or she just might be a rare find.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

So this cage of college life is finally getting to you, is it? Well you can't skip out now, not after all this time. Your best bet is to keep yourself busy with some work and a shovel for those little accidents.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

Get a grip on yourself and your workload. Not everyone can handle all the stress, but you sure try your hardest, so don't let others tell you that you can't make it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)

Your humanitarian nature is on strike this week. Not that you won't help your roommate or your friends with anything they need. It's that you just hate the rest of the world and school population right now, so it's best to stay in your room this week.

Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)

Friendliness will be your best weapon this week in destroying your foes. They won't know what came over you, or them, when they see your friendly face smiling at them. Perhaps they'll realize your smile means you're up to something.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Pretending is one thing, but when you start believing it's the truth, you know you're in trouble. Make sure others are on the same page if you want to continue the farce.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)

This week looks fortunate for you. Friends lining up to congratulate you on some such great deed you performed, if you're capable of it. Enemies will back off and cower in their rooms. Just keep an eye out for that Cancer that you keep annoying.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Freedom of speech can be overrated, but when it's your turn to speak, you won't think that way. If you need to be heard, get your two cents in now.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)

Busy doesn't seem to quite describe the situation does it? Overwhelmed sound better? Keep on your toes, though, and keep your patience as much as you can these few weeks before Thanksgiving. If you can't, that Taurus has been asking for it.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)

Getting your point across is as easy as apple pie. It will be simple to get everyone to notice your intentions if you can avoid the opposition and professors that are trying to give you more work than you can handle in these weeks before break.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)

Don't worry yourself so much about that person you angered. Just because they can't take a joke doesn't mean you have to beat yourself up about it. Let them wallow in the depression of their own selfishness.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 22)

Your balancing act may not work this week. Too much has been added to your plate and continues to build up. Focusing on balancing may cause you to explode before you even get a taste of that luscious turkey dinner.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for Nov. 9
(219) 866-2222

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30 Days of Night

Fri: 4:20, 6:30 (R)
Sat: 2:10, 4:20, 6:30
Sun: 2:10, 4:20, 6:30
Mon-Thurs: 4:20, 6:30

The Game Plan

Fri: 4:40, 6:50 (PG)
Sat: 2:20, 4:40, 6:50
Sun: 2:20, 4:40, 6:50
Mon-Thurs: 4:40, 6:50

Bee Movie

Fri: 4:40, 6:50 (PG)
Sat: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50
Sun: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50
Mon-Thurs: 4:40, 6:50

The Comebacks

Fri: 4:50, 7:00 (PG13)
Sat: 2:40, 4:50, 7:00
Sun: 2:40, 4:50, 7:00
Mon-Thurs: 4:50, 7:00

Saw IV

Fri: 5:00, 7:10 (R)
Sat: 2:50, 5:00, 7:10
Sun: 2:50, 5:00, 7:10
Mon-Thurs: 5:00, 7:10

Coming Soon

Fred Claus
11/9
Beowulf
11/16

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to dmm6040@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

If she wasn't going so fast I could keep up.

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Late entry!

~
I took your girl from you.

~
I will pay you when I'm ready to pay you.

~
You distracted me and your woman fingered my fluff.

~
I'm going to stab you in the eye with a spoon.

~
You're a special kind of different.

~
I need a carnivore.

~
Let's go boot **** that door!

~
All right everybody. Bath time!

~
Person 1: I itch all over!

Person 2: Maybe you have fleas.

Completely Random Facts

Goodyear Rubber Company researched and concluded that shoes wear out faster on the right foot than the left.

Every second, Americans collectively eat one hundred pounds of chocolate.

The Blue Whale's tongue weighs more than an adult elephant.

The filming of the move *Titanic* cost more than the *Titanic* itself. Early Romans used

porcupine quills as toothpicks.

One in three male motorists pick their noses while driving.

Nearly 50% of the world's scientists are assigned to military projects.

One third of Taiwanese funeral processions include a stripper.

Facts courtesy of <http://hotfact.com>

Nota Bene

I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this.

Emo Phillips
Neuropsychology: Clinical and Experimental Foundations

That's what college is for - getting as many bad decisions as possible out of the way before you're forced into the real world. I keep a checklist of 'em on the wall of my room.

J. Jacques
Questionable Content

Looking for Romance?

Find the perfect mate here!



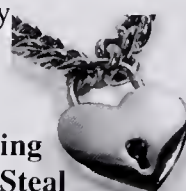
If you want to be as happy looking as this couple, you should probably stay away from this section.

Hopelessly Romantic Male Interested in a Girl with Class

Has had heart broken in past and wishes to start afresh with someone classy and looking for something more serious than a Thirsty Thrusday hookup.

Heartbreaker Looking for a New Heart to Steal

Despises love and romance, but loves to collect the hearts of the fools who fall in "love" with her. Warns the weak of heart to stay away. Only wishes to have the hearts of those that protect theirs too much.



Cowboy Looking for a Thoroughbred Stud

No shy boys allowed. Must be as wild and unbridled as a mustang. Will train anyone interested within the week.

Knows how to tame the most feral of men and still be appreciated.

Likeable, Nice, Cute Female Wanting a Serious Relationship

Wishing for a man who doesn't shy away from commitment but isn't too forward either. Enjoys romance and courting.

The Ritz Cinema

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3:10 to Yuma

Every night at 7:00 (R)
Runs from 11/9 - 11/15

Coming Soon

Into the Wild

Events Around Campus

An Evening of One Acts

· In the absence of John Rahe, seniors BJ Houlding, Cord Atkinson, and Jon Broeker have taken on the challenge of directing.

· "Well, I'm Going"
· "Interviews with Loneliness"
· "The Vacant Room"
· Thrusday, Nov. 8 at 8:00 through Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8:00
· Admission free for all SJC students and staff.